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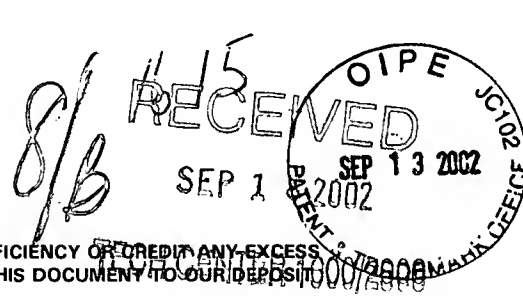


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Armin PRASCH and Bernhard LUY

Serial No: 10/089,663

Filed: March 29, 2002

Confirmation No.: 6944

For: BIODEGRADABLE EXCIPIENT SYSTEMS FOR THERAPEUTICALLY ACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows: